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SUBJECT: 1978 JAPANESE AUTO POLLUTION STANDARDS

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1. SUMMARY: MITI HAS INFORMED US OF PLANS FOR TALKS WITH
EC THIS MONTH ON DELAY OF 78 AUTO POLLUTION STANDARDS AND
SOUGHT USG "ASSURANCE" THAT POSTPONEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT
OF THEM UNTIL 1980 WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. MITI
ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER STANDARDS MIGHT NOT BE INTER-
PRETED AS AN NTB BY US INDUSTRY. END SUMMARY.

2. MITI OFFICIALS SUMMONED ECON MIN ON JANUARY 6 FOR
DISCUSSION OF 1978 JAPANESE AUTO POLLUTION STANDARDS AND
CLARIFICATION OF OUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF NOVEMBER 10. AUTO-
MOBILE DIVDIR NAKAZAWA TOLD US OF EC REQUEST THAT 78
STANDARDS BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY AND SAID THAT
FURTHER TALKS ON THIS POINT WOULD BE HELD IN TOKYO JAN-
UARY 13. NAKAZAWA CONFIRMED THAT GOJ WOULD GRANT TWO
ADDITIONAL YEARS IN MEETING STANDARDS FOR IMPORTED
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CARS: I.E., UNTIL APRIL 1, 1980 AND SOUGHT OUR ASSUR-
ANCE THAT THIS AMOUNT OF LEAD TIME WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE
TO USG. MITI OFFICIALS ALSO TRIED TO SOUND US OUT ON
WHETHER US INDUSTRY MIGHT, IN FUTURE, LOOK UPON 78
STANDARDS AS ILLEGAL TRADE BARRIER.

3. IN REPLY, WE NOTED THAT US MANUFACTURERS HAD STATED

THEY COULD NOT MEET NEW JAPANESE STANDARDS BY 1980 AND THAT THEY TOO WOULD PREFER INDEFINITE POST-PONEMENT. WE SAID THAT SINCE JAPAN IS FREE, AS A SOVEREIGN POWER, TO SET ITS OWN STANDARDS, THAT THE USG COULD NOT BE IN A POSITION OF EITHER APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING THE STANDARDS. HOWEVER, SINCE THEY CALL FOR BASIC CHANGES IN THE AUTO STRUCTURE, THE GRANTING OF A TWO YEAR DELAY WOULD CONFORM TO U.S. REQUEST IN NOV 10 AIDE MEMOIRE. ECON MIN STATED HE COULD NOT PREDICT WHETHER US INDUSTRY MIGHT, IN FUTURE, OPPOSE 1978 STANDARDS AS NTB. HE URGED GOJ TO MAINTAIN CONTACT, NOT ONLY WITH USG, BUT ALSO WITH U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY ON EMISSION AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND RELATED TEHCNICAL QUESTIONS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE BELIEVE PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TWOFOLD. MITI WISHED TO INFORM US OF THE UPCOMING MEETING WITH THE EC LEST THE GOJ SEEM TO BE LEANING TOWARD THE EUROPEANS. THEY ALSO WANTED TO RECORD THE FACT THAT THE US AUTO INDUSTRY HAS ACTUALLY BEEN GIVEN THREE YEARS ADVANCE NOTICE OF NEW EMISSION STANDARDS AND PREEMPT IF POSSIBLE ANY CLAIM OF UNREASONABLENESS FROM OUR SIDE. HODGSON

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